



**California Secretary of State  
BALLOT DESIGNATION WORKSHEET**

(Elections Code §§ 13107, 13107.3, 13107.5; California Code of Regulations § 20711)

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This entire form must be completed, or it will not be accepted and you will not be entitled to a ballot designation. **DO NOT LEAVE ANY RESPONSE SPACES BLANK** If information requested is not applicable, please write "N/A" in the space provided, otherwise the information **MUST** be provided **UPON FILING, THIS WORKSHEET WILL BE A PUBLIC RECORD.**

**Candidate  
Information**

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Candidate Name: John Stephens Gender (optional, for translation use only): Male  
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Phone Number(s): (949) 468-3200 (714) 337-1872 (949) 468-3201  
Business: (949) 468-3200 Home/Mobile: (714) 337-1872 Fax: (949) 468-3201

**Attorney  
Information**

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Attorney Name (or other person authorized to act on your behalf): N/A  
Address: N/A  
Phone Number(s): N/A Mobile: N/A Fax: N/A  
Business: N/A

You may select as your ballot designation one of the following designations:

- Your current principal profession(s), vocation(s), or occupation(s) (maximum total of three words, separated by a slash ("/")).
- The full title of the public office you currently occupy and to which you were elected.
- "Appointed [full title of public office]" if you currently serve by appointment in an elective public office and are seeking election to the same office or to some other office.
- "Incumbent" if you were elected (or, if you are a Superior Court Judge, you are a candidate for the same office that you hold) to your current public office and seek election to the same office.
- "Appointed Incumbent" if you were appointed to your current elective public office and seek election to the same office.

**Proposed  
Ballot  
Designation(s)**

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Proposed Ballot Designation(s): Councilmember / Business Owner  
Alternate Ballot Designation(s) 1: Councilmember / Attorney  
Alternate Ballot Designation(s) 2: Councilmember / Lawyer

In the spaces provided on the next page(s):

- Describe why you believe you are entitled to use the proposed ballot designation.
- If your proposed ballot designation contains one or more slashes ("/") separating words in your ballot designation for separate principal profession(s), vocation(s), or occupation(s) (collectively known as "PVOs"), complete a justification section for each separate PVO.
- Attach any documents or exhibits that you believe support your proposed ballot designation.
- If using the title of an elective office, attach a copy of your certificate of election or appointment.
- Any supporting documents will not be returned to you. **Do not submit originals.**

It is your responsibility to justify your proposed ballot designation and to provide all requested details.

If your proposed ballot designation includes the word "volunteer," indicate the title of your volunteer position and the name of the entity for which you volunteer along with a brief description of the type of volunteer work you do and the approximate amount of time involved. You may only use the ballot designation "community volunteer" if you volunteer for a 501(c)(3) charitable, educational, or religious organization, a governmental agency or an educational institution. You may not use "community volunteer" together with another designation.



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If your proposed ballot designation contains one or more slashes ("/") separating multiple principal profession(s), vocation(s), or occupation(s) (collectively known as "PVOs"), complete a justification section for each separate PVO.

Justification  
for use of  
Proposed  
Ballot  
Designation(s)  
If you are  
proposing  
alternate ballot  
designations,  
please provide  
justification for  
use of those on  
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Justification for use of 1 <sup>st</sup> PVO: I am a council member, having been elected in 2016		
Current or most recent job title: Mayor Pro Tem	Start/End Dates: 12/16 - present	
Employer Name or Business: City of Costa Mesa		
Person who can verify this information:		
Name: Blanda Green	Phone Number(s): (714) 754-5221	Email: Blanda.Green@costamesca.gov
Justification for use of 2 <sup>nd</sup> PVO: I own a law firm, Stephans Friedland LLP		
Current or most recent job title: Partner	Start/End Dates: 3/06 - present	
Employer Name or Business: Stephans Friedland LLP		
Person who can verify this information:		
Name: Todd Friedland	Phone Number(s): (949) 468-3200	Email: todd@sf-lawyers.com
Justification for use of 3 <sup>rd</sup> PVO: N/A		
Current or most recent job title: N/A		
Start/End Dates: N/A		
Employer Name or Business: N/A		
Person who can verify this information:		
Name: N/A	Phone Number(s): N/A	Email: N/A

Before signing below, answer/initial the following questions. Does your proposed ballot designation:

- 1) Use only a portion of the title of your current elected office?
- 2) Non-judicial candidates: Use only the word "Incumbent" for an elective office to which you were appointed?
- 3) Use more than three total words for your principal professions, vocations, or occupations?
- 4) Suggest an evaluation of you, such as outstanding, leading, expert, virtuous, or eminent?
- 5) Refer to a status (Veteran, Activist, Founder, Scholar), rather than a profession, vocation, or occupations?
- 6) Abbreviate the word "retired"?
- 7) Place the word "retired" after the words it modifies? Example: Accountant, retired
- 8) Use an word or prefix (except "retired") such as "former" or "ex-" to refer to a former profession, vocation, or occupation?
- 9) Use the word "retired" along with a current profession, vocation, or occupation? Example: Retired Firefighter/Teacher
- 10) Use the name of a political party or political body?
- 11) Refer to a racial, religious, or ethnic group?
- 12) Refer to any activity prohibited by law?

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If the answer to any of these questions is "yes," your proposed ballot designation is likely to be rejected.

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Candidate's Signature

Date Signed:

Month

Day

Year

For your reference, attached are Elections Code sections 13107, 13107.3, and 13107.5, and California Code of Regulations (CCR), title 2, section 20711. You also may wish to consult CCR, title 2, sections, 20712-20719 (found at [www.sos.ca.gov](http://www.sos.ca.gov)).



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COMPLETE THIS PAGE ONLY IF one or more Alternate Ballot Designation(s) are provided. If this page is not applicable, please initial: \_\_\_\_\_

Justification for  
Alternate Ballot  
Designation(s) 1

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Justification for use of 1 <sup>st</sup> PVO: I am a council member, elected in 2016		
Current or most recent job title: Mayor Pro Tem	Start/End Dates: 12/16 present	
Employer Name or Business: City of Costa Mesa		
Person who can verify this information: Brenda Green @ costamesa.ca.gov		
Name: Brenda Green	Phone Number(s): (714) 754-5221	Email: costamesa.ca.gov
Justification for use of 2 <sup>nd</sup> PVO: I have been an attorney since 1989, Bar Number 142718		
Current or most recent job title: Partner	Start/End Dates: 03/06 - present	
Employer Name or Business: Stephens Friedland LLP		
Person who can verify this information: Todd Friedland		
Name: Todd Friedland	Phone Number(s): (949) 468-3200	Email: todd@sf-lawyers.com
Justification for use of 3 <sup>rd</sup> PVO: N/A		
Current or most recent job title: N/A		
Start/End Dates: N/A		
Employer Name or Business: N/A		
Person who can verify this information: N/A		
Name: N/A	Phone Number(s): N/A	Email: N/A

Justification for  
Alternate Ballot  
Designation(s) 2

B

Justification for use of 1 <sup>st</sup> PVO: I am a council member, elected in 2016		
Current or most recent job title: Mayor Pro Tem	Start/End Dates: 12/16 - present	
Employer Name or Business: City of Costa Mesa		
Person who can verify this information: Brenda Green @ costamesa.ca.gov		
Name: Brenda Green	Phone Number(s): (714) 754-5221	Email: costamesa.ca.gov
Justification for use of 2 <sup>nd</sup> PVO: I have been a lawyer since 1989, Bar Number 142718		
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